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AN ACT
For the taking away of
PURVEYANCE,
AND
COMPOSITIONS
FOR
PURVEYANCE.

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Whereas the Kings of these Nations formerly by their Officers called Purveyors, Victuallers, Buyers, Takers or Caters, and sometimes by their Commissioners, by Warrants and Commissions, have usually at their Wills and pleasures seized and taken the Carts, Waggon, Carriages and Horses of the people, for Removal of the Kings Household, and for other uses; And also the Hay, Straw, Oats, Corn, Cattel, Victual, Flesh, Fish, Wood, Timber and other Goods and Chattels of the said people for provision of the Kings Household, paying for the same what prices they pleased, and many times paying nothing for the same; and taking Compositions from Counties and other places for Purveyance, to the great and unsupportable Grievance of the said People of this Commonwealth; Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by His Highness the Lord Protector, and the Parliament of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, That from henceforth all such Commissions, Warrants and Compositions for Purveyance shall be void: And if any Purveyor,

Victualler, Buyer, Taker or Cater, or any
 other person whatsoever, shall hereafter take
 any Carts, Waggon, Carriages, Barges,
 Boats, Horses, Hay, Straw, Oats, Corn,
 Cattel, Victual, Flesh, Fish, Wood, Timber,
 or any other Goods or Chattels whatsoever,
 from any of the People of this Common-
 Wealth, by vertue, colour or pretence of any
 Law, Statute, or pretended Custom for Pur-
 beyance or Pre-emption, or Composition for
 Purbeyance or Pre-emption whatsoever, all
 such seizing, taking or buying shall be Felony,
 and is hereby adjudged and declared to be Fe-
 lony; And the person and persons so offending,
 shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and be tryed
 and suffer as Felons, according to the course of
 the Common Law. And all Statutes, Laws,
 Customs or Usages touching Purbeyance or
 Pre-emption, or Compositions for Purbey-
 ance or Pre-emption, are hereby Repealed, and
 declared to be utterly void to all intents and
 purposes.



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